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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST OBSERVERS AT LABOR PARTY CONFERENCE

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1. BRITISH PRESS ROUTINELY REPORTED LAST WEEK WITHOUT COMMENT THAT LABOR PARTY HAS INVITED HEADS OF FRENCH AND ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTIES TO ATTEND ANNUAL PARTY CONGRESS TO BE HELD AT BRIGHTON OCTOBER 3-7.

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2. IN ABSENCE OF LABOR PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY HAYWARD AND INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY LITTLE, WE ASKED FORMER INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY MCNALLY (NOW PRIME MINISTER'S PERSONAL POLITICAL ADVISER) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. HE CONFIRMED THAT PARTY'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDED BY MAJORITY VOTE TO INVITE PCI AND PCF TO SEND OBSERVERS TO THE L977 CONFERENCE. PROPOSAL WAS MADE BY
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IAN MIKARDO, WHO HAS LONG CAMPAIGNED FOR CLOSER EAST-WEST RELATIONS. MIKARDO AND LITTLE ASSURED NEC THAT FRENCH AND ITALIAN MEMBERS OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (WHO ARE INVITED AS FRATERNAL DELEGATES) HAD BEEN SOUNDED OUT AND HAD NO OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED INVITATIONS. MCNALLY DOES NOT BELIEVE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY HAS BEEN INVITED.

3. ACCORDING TO MCNALLY, MAJORITY OF NEC SAW INVITATIONS AS OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE PCF AND PCI LEADERS AND TO FORM OWN IMPRESSION OF THEIR INTENTIONS AND SINCERITY. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT BELGIAN AND FRENCH SOCIALIST PARTIES HAD ALREADY HAD PCF AND PCI OBSERVERS AT THEIR PARTY CONGRESSES AND THAT WEST GERMAN SPD HAD HAD PCI PARTICIPANTS AT SPECIAL PURPOSE CONFERENCES.
4. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WHEN HAYWARD RETURNS FROM LEAVE AFTER AUGUST 15.

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